

EDITORIAL

The color plate with which we begin this new volume is financed largely by the proceeds from the auction, at our Urbana meeting, of a number of George Sutton's original drawings and paintings generously donated for this purpose by the artist. This plate is an important contribution to scientific knowledge and, incidentally, it will bring back happy memories to those of us who were privileged to participate in that memorable auction presided over by the forceful and persuasive James Boswell Young.

The Wilson Ornithological Club starts the year 1943 with sober prospects of rising publication costs and an increased rate of membership loss, at least among certain classes of members, such as those leaving for service overseas. Richard L. Weaver and his Membership Committee are working steadily, but they will need more help from our members throughout the country if they are to make a complete success of their task.

Members can also help by raising their own membership class. No one need hesitate to take out a Life Membership because of any apparent conflict with the War Bond campaigns, for the Club's receipts from Life Membership dues are being invested in those same War Bonds.

We are greatly indebted to Ruth D. Turner for her prompt and accurate work in preparing the index for the 1942 volume of the *Bulletin*.

We ask contributors not to try to pay for reprints in advance. It is rarely possible for an author to guess the exact amount of the bill, and his attempt, however well intended, only complicates our problem. Galley proof on articles, notes, and reviews is always sent to authors, and an inquiry is made at that time about possible reprint needs. The reprints are made soon after the *Bulletin* is published and then the type is taken down. It is therefore impossible to fill reprint orders received after the date of publication. Reprints are sent to the author by the press, usually within three weeks. Immediately afterward bills for the reprints, transportation, and tax are sent out to the authors. Finally, we remind you that there is a minimum of 100 on reprint orders. The price scale is printed inside the back cover of every *Bulletin*.

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

The American Ornithologists' Union has awarded the Brewster Medal to Margaret M. Nice for her study "Life History of the Song Sparrow."

Ruth D. Turner, formerly at the New England Museum of Natural History in Boston, has accepted a position in the Zoology Department of Vassar College.

Prof. C. W. G. Eifrig, a member of our Club since 1907, has retired from active work at River Forest, Illinois, and has moved to Windermere, Orange County, Florida. He began his ornithological work in 1895 near Pittsburgh, but later moved to Cumberland, Maryland, and then to Ottawa, Canada; for the last 33 years he has been in northern Illinois. He has published extensively in *The Wilson Bulletin* and elsewhere. For 14 years he served as president of the Illinois Audubon Society.